



**Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
Group Art Unit 3621, Expedited Procedure**

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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

ROGER D. MELEN, et al.

Application No.: 09/695,747

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)**

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated September 30, 2003 for three months, from December 30, 2003 to March 30, 2004.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on

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March 30, 2004
Date of Signature

Submitted herewith is a check for \$950.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,



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